



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held July 20, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“The recent wildfires in northern Los Angeles County point out the need for better communication with County residents in times of danger or disaster in sharing up-to-the-minute information about evacuation orders, traffic problems, unusual hazards, and similar news.

“In 1972, the Board of Supervisors established the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) within the Chief Administrative Office, with broad responsibilities for organizing and directing the preparedness efforts of the County’s Emergency Management Organization. The EMO comprises an integrated network of public and private ‘first responders,’ and serves as the day-to-day Los Angeles County Operational Area coordinator for the entire geographic area of the County.

“The Office of Emergency Management maintains an informative Web page within the Chief Administrative Officer’s website at <http://lacoa.org/oem.shtml>, but currently offers no updated specific information to assist affected residents in times of disaster.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to work with the Sheriff, Fire Chief and the Director of Public Works, and any other member agencies of the County's emergency organization deemed helpful or necessary, and report back to the Board within 45 days with recommendations for creating a website to inform and assist County residents in times of disaster or emergency that could be activated during emergencies for updated practical news which might include dates, times, locations of disaster sites, precautionary or evacuation advise, and related communications.

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